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FCC CHAIRMAN JULIUS GENACHOWSKI ANNOUNCES LAUNCH OF SPECTRUM TASK FORCE

Washington, D.C. -- Today, Federal Communications Commission Chairman Julius Genachowski announced the launch of a Spectrum Task Force to advance the FCC's spectrum agenda and promote collaboration across the agency. Julius Knapp, Chief of the Office of Engineering Technology, and Ruth Milkman, Chief of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, will co-chair the cross-agency working group.

"To lead the world in mobile, the FCC must ensure that our nation's spectrum is being put to its highest and best use," said FCC Chairman Genachowski. "Maximizing this essential 21st century resource will create jobs, drive economic growth, and encourage innovation and investment. The FCC's National Broadband Plan lays out a comprehensive roadmap for promoting greater spectrum efficiency and flexibility, and ensuring sufficient spectrum for broadband. The Spectrum Task Force will keep us on this charted course."

The Spectrum Task Force will play a critical role in the execution of the spectrum recommendations in the National Broadband Plan, including long-term spectrum planning. The Task Force will include the Chiefs of the Enforcement, International, Media, and Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureaus, as well as the Chief of the Office of Strategic Planning and Policy Analysis.

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